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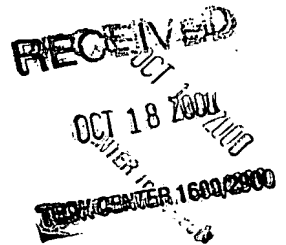
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37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 CFR § 1.56 to inform the Patent and Trademark Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of any claim of the application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the references AA to CR listed on the attached revised form PTO 1449. A copy of each reference is enclosed herewith.

Identification of the listed references is not to be construed as an admission of Applicants or Attorneys for Applicants that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicants respectfully decline to use form PTO-1449, since this form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior Art." As an

alternative, Applicants submit herewith a "revised form PTO 1449" entitled "List of References Cited" instead of "List of Prior Art Cited."



Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the foregoing references and that the references be made of record in the file history of the application. Applicants also enclose a copy of the international search report issued in connection with PCT International Application No. PCT/US98/06237, the PCT application corresponding to the subject U.S. application.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(c), since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final Office Action, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge the \$240.00 fee under § 1.17(p) to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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